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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: US AIRLINE FLIGHTS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
FILING

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAY 21, 1970 MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO FILE
PRELIMINARY WINTER 1978/79 SCHEDULES OF PAA, SEABOARD,
AND TWA BY AUGUST 1, 1978 WITH GOI. THE AIRLINES'
REPRESENTATIVES IN ITALY WILL PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH
COPIES OF THEIR SCHEDULES.

2. BETWEEN NY AND ROME PAA CONTINUES SEVEN WEEKLY FRE-
QUENCIES OFFERED LAST WINTER, BUT CAPACITY ON THIS
SECTOR WILL INCREASE ABOUT NINE PERCENT WITH SEVENTH 747
REPLACING LAST YEAR'S ONCE WEEKLY 707. BEYOND ROME, PAA'S
POTENTIAL CAPACITY INCREASES 177 PERCENT ABOVE LAST WINTER
AS THE SEVEN 747 WEEKLY FREQUENCIES INTRODUCED THIS SUMMER
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REPLACE LAST WINTER'S SEVEN 707 FREQUENCIES. PAA HAS ALSO
NOTED READINESS TO PROVIDE ALL-CARGO SERVICE IF THE US
GOVERNMENT CAN SECURE ACCESS FOR B-747 FREIGHTERS.

3. TWA'S PASSENGER SERVICES ARE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED WITH
A REDUCTION OF ONE WEEKLY FREQUENCY AND A SLIGHT INCREASE
IN SEATS DUE TO A MORE DENSE B-707 CONFIGURATION. IN CARGO

SERVICES, HOWEVER, TWA IS PLANNING A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE

IN ITS ALL-CARGO SERVICES GOING FROM ONE WEEKLY FREQUENCY
LAST YEAR TO SIX THIS WINTER. ALL WILL BE WITH B-707
FREIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

4. SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES HAS FILED SCHEDULES WHICH
WOULD EITHER CONTINUE THEIR UPPER LIMIT OF TEN WEEKLY
DC-8 FREQUENCIES, OR INTRODUCE FIVE B-747 ALL-CARGO
FREIGHTERS WHICH THEY STRONGLY PREFER. THEY HAVE DEVELOPED
A PLANNED TRANSITION FROM THE DC-8 TO THE B-747 THAT ACCOM-
PANIES THEIR REQUEST THAT THE US GOVERNMENT RENEW EFFORTS
TO SECURE ENTRY OF ALL-CARGO WIDE-BODY AIRCRAFT INTO THE
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